96th Street & Westfield Blvd. AreaNeighborhood Planning Study

City of Carmel, Indiana Department of Community Services

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Conceptual Land Use Plan Land Use Description Matrix Roadway Description Matrix Parcel Identification Map



	CHARACTER	URBAN DESIGN						
AREAS	GENERAL LAND USE DESCRIPTION	Site Planning and Building Orientation	Building Scale and Height	Parking Treatment	Buffering to Neighborhood	Open Space / Woodlands	Access	Densities
MIXED-USE or TRANSIT CENTER	Mixed Land Uses (Retail, Commercial, Office, Residential) with pedestrian-friendly urban forms.	Buildings oriented to street edges creating a walkable pedestrian environment	Maximum of Six (6) Stories (80 Feet) on southeast ¼ of site Maximum of Four (4) Stories (50 Feet) on remaining area	 Parking in Rear of Buildings Parking Garages Underground Parking 	Minimum 25' landscape/ noise/light buffer when adjacent to existing residential uses. Buffering should accommodate pedestrian uses such as pathways.	 Create usable, public open spaces such as plazas or courtyards. Adherence to City's Woodland Conservation Guidelines 	Roadway access to Keystone and 96 th Street Interior roadways connected to adjacent uses Pedestrian connections via pathways and trails	Urban mixed-use densities of Floor Area Ratio of 4 to 6
NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL	Neighborhood-scaled commercial uses such as professional offices and specialty retailers (I.e jeweler) In Mixed-Use areas, buildings with active first floors (retail, office) under office and residential users.	Buildings oriented to or facing street edges creating a walkable pedestrian environment	Maximum of Three (3) Stories (40 Feet) in area	Parking in Rear of Buildings Shared Parking with other land uses	Minimum 25' landscape/ noise/light buffer when adjacent to existing residential uses. Buffering should accommodate pedestrian uses such as pathways	 Create usable, public open spaces such as plazas or courtyards. Adherence to City's Woodland Conservation Guidelines 	Interior roadways connected to adjacent uses. Pedestrian connections via pathways and trails	Urban mixed-use densities of Floor Area Ratio of 3 to 4
MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL	Medium Density Residential uses such as small-lot single family detached units, duplex units, or attached townhouse units.	Residential units oriented to public streets or clustered around courtyard or open space areas.	Maximum of Three (3) Stories (40 Feet) in area	According to City of Carmel Standards for Residential On-Street Parking encouraged	Minimum 25' landscape/ noise/light buffer when adjacent to existing residential uses. Buffering should accommodate pedestrian uses such as pathways	Create amenities for residents with pocket parks, wetlands and open areas Adherence to City's Woodland Conservation Guidelines	Pedestrian connections via pathways and trails Logical interior roadway system Consolidated entry/exit onto major roadway systems (limited individual curb cut driveways)	Residential densities of 8 – 14 units per acre
CIVIC / CONSERVATION	Civic Uses such as a community center, church, school, nature center which take advantage of proximity to proposed forest/park area as well as connection to the Monon Trail.	Oriented and integrated with adjacent Mixed-Use Development Pattern	Maximum of Three (3) Stories (40 Feet) in area	Shared Parking with Mixed Use area Parking for public access to the Monon Trail and proposed Forest Preserve / Park Area	Minimum 25' landscape/ noise/light buffer when adjacent to existing residential uses. Buffering should accommodate pedestrian uses such as pathways	 Utilize sites which minimize woodland removal Adherence to City's Woodland Conservation Guidelines 	Pedestrian connections via pathways and trails	Institutional setting with front lawns and natural environment
RESIDENTIAL CONSERVATION	Maintenance and improvement of single family residential land uses. General recommendations: Install sidewalks and bus stop areas on major neighborhood streets. Promote home maintenance and ownership through neighborhood organizations and code enforcement. Promote additional tree growth and planting.							
TRANSITIONAL	The Department recognizes that the private real estate market might desire the redevelopment of several single-family lots in these areas. While maintaining and improving the existing residential community is encouraged, consideration will be given to: • Private market assembly of contiguous land for redevelopment, adjacent to a changing land use area, which total a minimum of 5 gross acres. Should this occur, the Department would begin a special review of the land assembly, working to understand development form, access and parking, and open space issues.							

	CHARACTER					
ROADWAY	GENERAL STREET DESCRIPTION					
KEYSTONE AVENUE (US 421)	 Implement proposed intersection improvement at 96th/Keystone. Improve Keystone roadway and redesign drive lanes to allow a separation of thru and local traffic coming to and from new intersection. Recommend that 98th Street terminate at Keystone allowing only a right hand turn south. Recommend that future designs for the intersection at 99th Street allow for left and right hand turns heading north and south. 					
96 th STREET	 Recommend that 96th Street between Keystone and Westfield be designed as a two-lane street with center median turn lane. This design must safely accommodate bike and pedestrian traffic. Recommend the design of a traffic circle at the intersection of Haverstick and 96th. Recommend that Haverstick remain two lanes. Recommend the improvement of the Westfield Bridge over I-465 to accommodate additional traffic. As a 10-year strategy, recommend the collaboration with Indianapolis to improve Real Street intersection and system. 					
96 th STREET 150 FT. RIGHT OF WAY	 Recommend that the 150-foot right of way north of I-465 and west of Westfield Blvd not be vacated. Should future development beyond the 10-year horizon of this plan occur, this corridor might provide a needed roadway right of way 					
99 th STREET	 Remain two lane neighborhood street Recommend addressing feasibility of redirection through Mixed-Use area to reduce high speed thru traffic Should this option become feasible, recommend installation of traffic measures at entrance to Walden Pond development to minimize "cut-thru" traffic. 					
98 th STREET (INTERNAL NEIGHBORHOOD)	 Remain two lane neighborhood street Recommend street sidewalks in neighborhood areas 98th Street Right of Way, recommended for pedestrian pathway 					
HAVERSTICK ROAD	 Remain two lane residential street Recommend street sidewalks in neighborhood areas with appropriate lighting and signage 					
INTERNAL STREETS	 New Internal Streets should have a logical roadway configuration, facilitating connectivity and ease of use. All new streets should accommodate pedestrian, bike and automobile traffic in its overall design. On-street parking is encouraged. 					

